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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: TALKING POINTS ON CAMBODIAN  
EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB

1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS ON THE CAMBODIAN EMERGENCY  
AUTHORITY FOR YOUR USE AT THE LEADERSHIP MEETING IN THE  
WHITE HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 19.

2. TALKING POINTS:

--- THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL SITUATION IN  
CAMBODIA IS DESPERATE AND REQUIRES EMERGENCY ACTION.

--- EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO EXCEED THE LIMITATION OF  
DOLS 275 MILLION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND DOLS 177 MILLION  
IN ECONOMIC AND FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR CAMBODIA IN THE 1974

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO PERMIT:

-- AIRLIFT OF AMMUNITION TO PHNOM PENH TO AVERT  
MILITARY COLLAPSE;

-- PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 TONS OF RICE,  
34,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND IMPORTATION OF PETRO-  
LEUM PRODUCTS TO AVERT STARVATION AND ECONOMIC  
COLLAPSE;

-- PAYMENT OF SHARPLY INCREASED FOOD AND FUEL  
TRANSPORT COSTS BETWEEN SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH,  
INCLUDING AIRLIFT, IF THAT PROVES NECESSARY  
IN ORDER TO PREVENT STARVATION AND COLLAPSE.

--- NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS, ONLY AUTHORITIES, ARE BEING  
SOUGHT IN THIS EMERGENCY BILL. HOWEVER, THIS REQUEST  
IN NO WAY LESSENS THE NEED FOR THE DOLS 222 MILLION  
SUPPLEMENTAL MAP FUNDING. THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY  
WILL STAVE OFF AN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY COLLAPSE IN  
CAMBODIA DURING THE TIME CONGRESS IS DELIBERATING THE  
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST.

--- PRESENT STOCKS OF AMMUNITION WILL RUN OUT IN A  
MATTER OF WEEKS.

--- RICE STOCKS WILL BE DEPLETED IN MARCH EVEN AT  
SHARPLY REDUCED CONSUMPTION LEVELS UNLESS AMERICAN  
RICE CAN BE MOVED TO PHNOM PENH. MOREOVER, FUNDS  
ARE NEEDED NOW TO BEGIN PURCHASE OF US RICE FOR THE  
JULY-DECEMBER SEASON.

--- EVEN NOW, MALNUTRITION AND SOME STARVATION ARE  
IMMINENT.

--- VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE DOLS 275 MILLION IN MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE AND DOLS 177 MILLION IN FOOD AND ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE FOR CAMBODIA IN FY 1975 HAS ALREADY BEEN  
UTILIZED.

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INCREASE US INVOLVEMENT.

--- RATHER, THEY ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST A FRIEND WE HAVE  
HELPED FOR FIVE YEARS AND TO GIVE CLEAR INDICATION TO  
GKR OPPONENTS THAT IT IS TIME TO NEGOTIATE, SINCE US  
SUPPORT WILL NOT CEASE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING. MAW

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